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TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Letter No.: 95-86

TINOCO LITIGATION: RETAINING CASES WITH STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE (SDI) PAYMENTS

Ref.: E-Mail No. 95136, dated December 6, 1995

This All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to inform you that cases which may be eligible for Tinoco benefits should be retained past the normal three-year retention period requirement. Cases which must be saved are cases with Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Medically Needy or Medically Indigent (MI) persons that received SDI payments and that have ever had a share of cost back through 1991. Although some cases with MI persons will not be eligible for Tinoco benefits, the Department of Health Services has not yet identified the aid codes corresponding to such cases. Counties which are unable to, or do not wish to separate out potential Tinoco-eligible cases from other cases, should save all Medi-Cal cases until further notice.

ACWDL No. 95-79, distributed to counties on December 7, 1995, and an earlier E-Mail, No. 95128, required counties to flag continuing cases which had SDI from October 1995 onwards. Counties should make a note of any of these flagged cases which discontinue in order to ensure that these cases are not overlooked when Tinoco is implemented.

Please direct questions concerning this matter to Dave Rappolee of my staff at (916) 657-0163.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY ARMANDO MARTINEZ for Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch